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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Jul 25, 1996

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) 1-28 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 29-32 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 4

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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15.

Applicant's election with traverse of Group III, claims 29-31, (now claims 29-32) in Paper No. 7 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground that the amended claim 32 should be included in Group III and not in Group II because the amended claim 32 relates to the container of claim 29. These arguments are found persuasive and the Examiner includes claim 32 with the claims of Group III. Applicants have not traversed Groups I and II.

16.

Applicant's election of Group III, claims 29-32 in Paper No. 7 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (M.P.E.P. § 818.03(a)).

17.

Claims 1-28 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention. Election was made **without** traverse in Paper No. 7.

18.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

19.

Claims 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Briggs et al (US Patent 3,932,943).

Briggs et al disclose a spherical highly porous, free-flowing particle having diameter of 0.84 mm in vial (small glass tube or container or bottle, which is also can be considered as cuvette) (see column 8, lines 11-20). Briggs et al fail to disclose spherical diameter larger than 0.84 mm. However,

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given the teaching of Briggs et al, a person of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention pertains would have found it obvious to package larger quantity of material or in a vial for given application. If one of ordinary skill in the art is desirous to make granules of larger diameter, would have found it obvious to make larger granules in absence of showing criticality of making larger granule size.

No claims are allowed.

20.

Receipt of Information Disclosure Statement filed October 5, 1995 is acknowledged. All US Patent references cited on PTOL 1449 have been made of record. References Romania 85,155 and ² Discol, et al; Clin. Chem. (1983) 29:1609-1615 have not been made of record. If applicants are desirous to make these references of record, copies of these refereces with PTOL 1449 should be submitted to this office. These references are not in files of US Application Serial Nos. 08/134,574 and 07/747,179.

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